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CONGRESSMAN MILLER loses his re-election narrowly. His tickets were not wide enough by one eighth of an inch, and like himself were a trifle "off" color. A GENTLEMAN who subscribes himself as hailing from both New York and London, writes to the Post of this city criticizing the manner in which the Washington streets are lighted. It wrings his sympathetic soul to see how wretchedly we are provided for in this respect, and he proceeds to write our souls in our to tell us of the glories of street lighting in other parts of the world. We shall hear all that he says, soothed by a Christian input, in the future, if it were not for his very suspicious and disparaging references to the moon. There we must protest against. It may be that the moon in New York and London is not much to speak of, but we shall not sit in absolute silence while the Washington moon is belittled. We might say, in regard to street-lighting here, that our city is provided with a gas-company and an electric-light company, both of which are flourishing and thoroughly equipped institutions, and either of which is capable of flooding the city with blinding radiance whenever there arises a popular demand for that gaudy kind of illumination. But, so long as the system in vogue suits the community it will probably be allowed to stand.

We can hardly be expected to credit our lighting budget on the complaint of a citizen of New York and London. It would be proper and perhaps more complimentary to him a short way to inform disengaged citizens with a factor.

MR. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS declines to discuss "issues" with Mr. Fox.

IT IS STATED IN MANY QUARTERS where information should be both abundant and reliable that Senator Quay will not retire from the statemanship of the National Republican Executive Committee. Well, why should he? His debut in that capacity was made in 1888. He performed his functions with ability, and, what is more important, with success. What has he done since that to justify his long stay in demanding his discharge? If he was a man for the position three years ago, he is certainly no less so now. Indeed, it may be said to his credit that he probably saved his party from a very

great blunder quite recently—that of passing the Long Bill (election bill). As for the McKinley Bill that is to, we may believe and declare, the cause of the Republicans disaster, Mr. Quay is no more responsible for it than Mr. Harrison or Mr. Reed or any other Republican leader, with the single exception of Mr. Blaine. To tell the truth this time and cry at the heels of Senator Quay is about the most unmeaning and disgusting spectacle of the day.

SENATOR HOHN thinks free trade will be a feature of the millennium.

THE PRIESTS are organizing a baseball club. Having good frames, they ought to make an imposing appearance on the field. I hope their sticks will play by rule, class in half lively, and never get broken.

SENATOR PEPPER's resolution for the protection of orphans and wards of Our Father, drawn from him at the age of 16 and submitted to a series of meetings of the field, should prevail very shortly. The bill is well drawn and I hope the children living elsewhere in the home and suggested as well as interests will be.

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THE FIRST OF JAMES' CO., bankers and brokers, of Philadelphia, has called for something like a half or a whole million. The head of the firm, Mr. H. K. James, was treasurer of the Clover Club. The name of the failure was a lack of "copper."

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PERSONAL.

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